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ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL BEGINS CONFERENCES IN CUBA

(The following was received from a UN Information Officer with the Acting Secretary-General's party in Havana, Cuba.)

United Nations Acting Secretary-General U Thant and his party arrived in Havana at 1:15 p.m. today, aboard a Varig Airlines chartered plane from New York.

The Acting Secretary-General and his party were met at the Havana airport by Raul Roa, Foreign Minister of Cuba; Pelegrin Torras, Deputy Foreign Minister; General Albino Silva, Special Envoy of the President of Brazil to Cuba; Luis Bastian Pinto, Brazilian Ambassador in Havana; and Abdel Monem El Shinawi, Charge d'Affaires of the United Arab Republic in Cuba.

The Acting Secretary-General began his first round of official talks at 3:10 p.m. at the Presidential Palace in Havana.

Participating in the talks on the Cuban side were President Osvaldo Dorticos, Prime Minister Fidel Castro and Foreign Minister Raul Roa; and on the Secretary-General's side, Under-Secretaries Omar Loutfi and Dr. Hernane Tavares de Sa, and Brigadier I.J. Rikhiye, Military Adviser.

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